

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1 – 25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A process of hydroentangling a fibrous web comprising positioning the web on a porous support in translatable movement or rotating about an axis, treating one side of the web by means of a plurality of streams of water arranged in a row perpendicular to a direction of movement of the web, the streams having a cylindrical form, wherein the row comprises streams of a first constant cross-section and streams of a second constant cross-section different from the first cross-section.

27-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) ~~A process as defined in claim 31. A process of hydroentangling a fibrous web comprising positioning the web on a porous support in translatable movement or rotating about an axis, treating the web by means of a plurality of streams of water arranged in at least two rows perpendicular to a direction of movement of the web, the streams having a cylindrical form, wherein the at least two rows comprise streams of a first constant cross-section and streams of a second constant cross-section different from the first cross-section, and at least one row of said at least two rows comprises streams of non-constant spacing, wherein said treating is with streams arranged in from two to four rows, wherein a first row comprises streams made up of groups spaced at intervals from each other, and a second row comprises streams not in alignment in the direction of movement of the web with the streams of the first row, and~~ wherein the first row comprises streams with the first cross-section and streams with the second cross-section, and a second row comprises streams with the second cross-section or streams with the second cross-section and streams with a third cross-section.

36. (Previously Presented) A process as defined in claim 26, wherein both sides of the web are treated.

37. (Previously Presented) A process as defined in claim 26, wherein the web comprises cellulose fibers.

38-42. (Cancelled)